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The Roanoke Vicinity Noise Wall Project

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Boylston Avenue Wall – installation completed on time and on budget!

In mid-October, construction crews completed the installation of noise walls along Boylston Avenue East between East Lynn and Roanoke Streets, resulting in a substantial reduction of noise from I-5 traffic for residents of Seattle's Eastlake neighborhood. The



Noise wall artwork

wall's concrete has now been sealed for protection against moisture. Residents will be happy to know that the temporary parking restrictions have been removed – thanks for your patience!

Harvard Avenue Wall – construction almost finished

The installation of panels for the Stage 2 Harvard Avenue wall was completed in mid-November. The Harvard Noise Wall, designed and completed during Stages 1 & 2 of the I-5 Roanoke Vicinity Noise Wall Project, extends from East Roanoke Street to East Hamlin Street. Vegetation along the wall has been removed to install an irrigation system. Planting of trees along the south end of the noise wall will be completed by Spring 2006. Temporary weekend closures of the Roanoke ramp to I-5 may take place in order to repave the street and clean-up any remaining material left from the installation of panels. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Stage 3 design moves forward

The next component, Stage 3 of this project, is funded by the Transportation Partnership Package, which

passed in April 2005 and provides \$15.8 million to complete additional walls in the I-5/Roanoke area. Stage 3 design and construction will take place between 2005-2009. **Walls included in Stage 3 are displayed in magenta on the map below.*



I-5 Roanoke Vicinity Noise Wall Project map

Project Background

In 2003, the state legislature passed the "nickel" package, which provided \$3.5 million for the construction of the Stage 1 Harvard Wall and Stage 2 Boylston Wall. These projects were initiated and designed to reduce the noise for residents living adjacent to I-5 and to improve the environment in nearby public spaces.

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I finally had a chance to stroll the Boylston Noise Wall with my son Alex one evening last week. We found that the freeway noise was reduced noticeably along most of the wall. At the Louisa Street intersection, the noise reduction was dramatic to the point of shocking. Let's build more of these things. Thanks for the work to date.

-Jules James, Eastlake Neighborhood



**View of installed noise wall from Boylston
Avenue East**

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